

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of the allowability of supported catalyst Claim 14 and fuel cell Claim 18 upon rewriting in independent form. The subject matter of supported catalyst Claim 14 now appears in Claim 4 which is presented in independent form, and the subject matter of fuel cell Claim 18 now appears in Claim 16 which also is presented in independent form. Claims 1 to 3, 14, 20 and 27 are canceled in order to expedite prosecution.

The reconsideration of presently solicited supported catalyst Claims 4, 13, 15, 22 and 23, and fuel cell Claims 16, 17, 19, 24 and 25 respectfully is requested. For the reasons indicated hereafter these claims are urged to be in condition for allowance.

The continued rejection of presently solicited Claims 4, 13, 15 to 17, 19, 22, 24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 5,132,193 to Reddy et al. would be inappropriate. Claims 14 and 18 were indicated to be allowable upon presentation in independent form. The subject matter of Claim 14 now appears in independent supported catalyst Claim 4 and the subject matter of Claim 18 now appears in independent fuel cell Claim 16. Each of the other presently solicited claims depends from either Claim 4 or Claim 16 and incorporates all of the subject matter thereof. The withdrawal of the rejection is urged to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Finally, the continued rejection of presently solicited Claims 4, 13, 15 to 17, 19 and 22 to 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over the teachings of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0157393 to Choi et al. likewise would be inappropriate. As previously stated, Claims 14 and 18 were indicated to be allowable upon presentation in independent form. The subject matter of Claim 14 now appears in independent supported catalyst Claim 4 and the subject matter of Claim 18 now appears in independent fuel cell Claim 16. Each of the other presently solicited claims depends from Claim 4 or Claim 16 and incorporates all of the subject matter thereof. The withdrawal of the rejection is urged to be in order and is respectfully requested.

If there is any remaining point that requires clarification prior to the formal allowance of the Application, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter can be discussed and promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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